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SUBJ: GATT ART. XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS -- JAPANESE POSITION

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REF A., ECON/COUNS DISCUSSED JAPANESE POSITION ON EC OFFIER OF DECEMBER 13 WITH UKAWA (HEAD, FIRST INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF) ON FEBRUARY 13.

2. UKAWA STATED THAT DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GOJ AND EC BEFORE SACEMBER 13 GOJ HAD IDENTIFIED SEVEN ITEMS OF MAJOR INTEREST WITH VALUE OF \$120 MILLION. IN ITS DECEMBER 13 OFFER EC RESPONDED ON THE ONE ITEM OF MOST
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INTEREST TO GOJ, ACCOUNTING FOR SOMEWHAT OVER HALF OF

\$120 MILLION. SINCE EC'S OFFER COVERS MUCH OF GOJ'S DEMANDS, GOJ HAS CONCLUDED THAT IT SHOULD ACCEPT EC'S OFFER, PENDING SETTLEMENT OF TWO APPARENTLY MINOR TECHNICAL ISSUES RELATING TO WHICH COUNTRY PROVIDES BINDINGS AND INITIAL NEGOTIATING STATUS.

3. HOWEVER, GOJ ASSUMES THAT ACCEPTANCE BY IT OF EC'S OFFER AT THIS TIME WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL TO US (REF B). FOR THAT REASON IT HAS MERELY INFORMED EC THAT LATTER'S OFFER IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

4. UKAWA, WHO SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT GOJ'S THINKING ON EC OFFER BE CLOSELY HELD, INDICATED THAT GOJ WOULD BE PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH ACCEPTANCE EC'S OFFER IF THAT WOULD IN FACT BE DESIRED BY USG. HE NOTED THAT MIZOGUCHI OF JAPANESE DELEGATION GENEVA AND CULBERT FULLY AWARE OF JAPANESE POSITION AND TACTICS. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESPONSE TO UKAWA.
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